

Remarks

Thorough examination by the Examiner is noted and appreciated.

The Specification has been amended to include Examiners noted grammatical errors and Examiners suggestions are gratefully acknowledged by Applicants.

Claims have been amended in substantial conformance with Examiners suggestions to correct grammatical errors. Support for the amended and newly presented claims is found in the original claims and/or Specification and are in response to Examiners suggestions/requirements. No new issues have been presented and no new matter has been entered.

Claim Objections

Claims 1-4, 8, 10-19, and 21-14 have been objected to by Examiner.

Applicants have amended claims 1 and 11 to overcome Examiners rejection in accordance with Examiners suggestion/requirement to make clear that the patterned photoresist layer comprises an opening. In addition, claims 1,

11, 16, and 22 have been amended to correct grammatical errors.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC 112

Claims 1-4, 8, 10, and 21-22 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to recite a single passivation layer as suggested/required by Examiner. Applicants have amended claims 1 and 11 to further make clear that the patterned photoresist layer comprises the opening consistent with the disclosures and Figures and as suggested/required by Examiner.

Claims 16 stands rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Applicants have amended claim 16 to recite a single UBM layer consistent with antecedent basis in the claim.

The claims have been amended in accordance with Examiners suggestions/requirements.

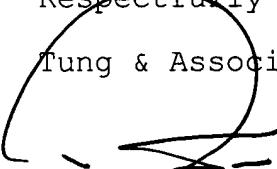
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Based on the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the proposed amendments should now be entered to place the claims in better form for Appeal and remove issues from Appeal.

In the event that the claims cannot be entered, the Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicants' representative at his Bloomfield Hills, Michigan office at (248) 540-4040 such that necessary action may be taken to place the claims in condition for Appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

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